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California Senate Confirms Stacey A. Aldrich as State Librarian of California

Sacramento – The California State Senate voted unanimously to confirm the appointment of Stacey A. Aldrich as State Librarian of California on May 13, 2010.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Aldrich to the post on November 19, 2009. “Stacey is truly an expert in her field and California is lucky to have her as the State Librarian,” said Governor Schwarzenegger at the time of her appointment. “She’s the perfect person to maintain the excellent quality of services and access to accurate and up-to-date information Californians expect and receive every time they visit our library.”

“I am truly honored to have been appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for this important California library leadership position,” said Aldrich.

As head of the California State Library, Aldrich has already been instrumental in obtaining financial support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a major broadband initiative for California’s public libraries, and continues to work with libraries statewide to ensure that all Californians have access to the resources they need to be successful through their public libraries. A library futurist, Aldrich was named one of *Library Journal’s* Movers and Shakers in 2003 in recognition of her professional leadership nationwide.

Prior to her appointment as State Librarian, Aldrich was appointed Acting State Librarian in February 2009, and served as Deputy State Librarian from August 2007 forward. Before joining the State Library, she was Assistant Director of the Omaha Public Library, and Branch Chief of Public Libraries and State Networking for the Maryland State Department of Education.

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